Highway Robberies

2708. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many people on National highways are regularly looted by extremists and also by robbers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an ordinary citizen has to pay under threat to the extremist either while in transit or elsewhere, is he also punishable for such payments; and

(d) if so, the rationale for such laws?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Available information in regard to incidents of dacoity and robbery on highways during the year 1996, 1997 and 1998 is given here below:—

Year	Dacoity	Robbery
1996	1,130	5,307
1997	1,196	4,967
1998 (upto October)	547	3,061

(c) and (d) "Police" and "Public Order" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, it is essentially for the State Governments to take such measures as are necessary to protect the people from dacoities, robberies and other crimes. The Central Government, on its part, has been providing financial and other assistance to the State Governments for strengthening their policing infrastructure.

Introduction of Vehicle Tracking System

2709. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Advani asks CMs to evolve proxy war" which appeared in the Economic Times, dated the 15th October, 1998;

(b) if so, whether Government have written to the neighbouring States of NCT of Delhi for modernisation of State Police by providing them sophisticated weapons and equipments and communication technology;

(c) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to equip Delhi Police with the introduction of Vehicle Tracking System involving GPS receivers for combing terrorist activities and if so, the complete details thereof with estimated cost of the equipment?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government have seen the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times dated 15th October, 1998 under the caption "Advani asks CMs to evolve mechanism to fight proxy war."

(b) and (c) The Union Home Minister convened a Meeting of the Chief Ministers of Delhi, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan on 14.10.1998 to review the action being taken by these States to curb terrorist activities. The Meeting, among others recommended setting up of Soecial Task Force to evolve and implement an Action Plan to identify and tackle the problems being created by terrorists and criminal gangs for coordinated operations against Inter-State criminals, greater coordination of intelligence and strategy, amending of old laws for effective countering of strategies adopted by criminals, and strengthening of State Police forces, etc. Concerned State Governments have been requested to take immediate steps to implement the decisions taken at the meeting.

Modernising the Police Force is the primary concern of the respective State Governments. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernising their Police Force, the Central Government has been implementing a Non-Plan Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Force. Under this Scheme

State Governments are extended financial assistance on 50% loan and 50% Grants-in-aid basis for procuring equipments, weaponry etc.

(d) No, Sir.

Employment Opportunities in North East

2710. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government plan to control insurgency in the North-Eastern Region in the near future;

(b) whether employment opportunities are going to be created by Government to check unemployment among the youth;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to remove unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The Steps taken by the Central Government to curb insurgency include inter alia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, modernisation of State Police Forces, declaration of seriously affected area as disturbed areas and notification of major insurgent groups as unlawful associations.

(b) to (d) The National Agenda for Governance (NAG) streasses the need to re-appraise and revitalise reforms through giving primacy to removal of unemployment and give to the entire national development efforts a human face with total eradication of poverty and removal of unemployment. Recognising the right to work of every citizen, the main thrust will be "Berozgari Hatao" (eradicate unemployment). New investment and institutional thrust ot agriculture, the self employed, the unincorporated sector, infrastructure development and housing will act as the vehicles for massive employment creation at all levels.

The Central Government is also supplementing the efforts of the State Governments of North-East through Centrally sponsored special employment programmes viz. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS).

Recruitment in Army and Para-Military Forces in Assam

2711. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise and year-wise deails of recruitment trade by Government for Army and para-Military forces in Assam during the last three years and till date;

(b) the details of SCs/STs plains, Scheduled Tribes (Hills) and other weaker sections and general castes recruited for the aforesaid forces in Assam during this period;

(c) the reasons for not giving sufficient representation to the Scheduled Tribes (Hills) in the said recruitment in Assam during this period; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken by Government to give more representation to the scheduled Tribes (Hills) in the Army and Para-Military forces in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Detection of Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants

2712. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal Bangladeshi migrants apprehended/detected in the country during the last 3 years State-wise with detection agencies and prosecution status;

(b) the number of such migrants detected from or rejected entry into the voter list; State-wise;